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Response Due Date 10/20/2016

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00591685

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (05/19/2016 - 06/30/2016)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report to clarify the following descriptions: "Campaign Literature" and "Consulting Services." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register is available on the FEC website at www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate\_purpose\_list\_350 7.pdf. A non-exhaustive list of acceptable purposes is also available on the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov/rad/pacs/documents/ExamplesofAdequate Purposes.pdf.

2. Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for the following disbursements: "Reimbursement for meeting expenses" and "Reimbursement for Office Expenses." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in an election cycle, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information on Schedule B and clearly identify each memo entry supporting a reimbursement. If itemization is not

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necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. (11 CFR §§ 104.3(b)(4)(i) and 104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3)

**3.** Schedule B of your report discloses disbursements with the purpose "petty cash" that appear to be made from petty cash. Please be advised that cash disbursements to any person or vendor for any single purchase or transaction may not exceed \$100. If payments to the original vendor exceed \$200 in an election cycle, a memo entry including the name of the original vendor as well as address, date, amount, and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information or provide clarifying information if memo items are not required. (52 U.S.C. §30102(h)(2) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §432(h)(2)) and 11 CFR § 102.11)

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. For additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit <a href="http://www.fec.gov/rad/">http://www.fec.gov/rad/</a>. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1138.

Sincerely,

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